

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A backlight configured to illuminate a back of a video display unit formed by a single panel, said backlight comprising:

a plurality of backlight units arranged to be incident to a lighting surface, one of said plurality of backlight units is controlled by a drive unit including a light quantity detector, each of said backlight units including:

a light source,

a light reflecting unit configured to reflect a light emitted from said light source onto a light guide plate, and

the light guide plate configured to direct said light incident thereon through said light reflecting unit onto said lighting surface.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A backlight configured to illuminate a back of a video display unit formed by a single panel, said backlight comprising:

a plurality of first backlight units unit arranged to be incident to a lighting surface, each of said first backlight units including:

a first single light source, and

a first single light reflecting unit configured to reflect a first light emitted from said first single light source onto a first single light guide plate, the first single light guide plate being configured to direct said first light incident thereon through said first single light reflecting unit onto said lighting surface; and [[,]]

a first backlight unit that includes a single light source and a single light guide plate, and

a second backlight unit arranged to be incident to said lighting surface, said second  
backlight including: that includes

a second single light source that is longer than the first single light source, and  
at least two second light reflecting units configured to reflect a second light  
emitted from said second single light source onto [[and]] at least two second light  
guide plates, the at least two second light guide plates being configured to direct said  
second light incident thereon through said at least two second light reflecting units  
onto said lighting surface so that the first backlight unit has a different shape than the  
second backlight unit.

Claims 3-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A backlight according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of backlight units are arranged in alternating directions in at least one row two rows that each extend in a first direction such that a backlight unit in one of the at least one row two rows differs in orientation with respect to an adjacent backlight unit in the at least one row two rows by 180 degrees, and the light source extends substantially parallel to the first direction.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A backlight according to Claim 1, wherein said light reflecting unit of each of said plurality of backlight units is arranged at a first end of said light guide plate of each of said plurality of backlight units, and wherein said plurality of backlight units are arranged to be incident to said lighting surface in alternating directions such that a first end of a first backlight unit is oriented in an opposite direction with respect to a first end of a second backlight unit that is adjacent to the first backlight unit.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A backlight according to Claim [[1]] 19, wherein said plurality of backlight units includes at least two pairs of backlight units, wherein each of the at least two pairs of backlight units includes two backlight units arranged end to end in the first a-same direction, and wherein said at least two pairs of backlight units are arranged in an opposite direction with respect to each other.

Claim 23 (New): A backlight according to Claim 1, wherein said drive unit includes a temperature detection unit.

Claim 24 (New): A backlight according to Claim 1, wherein the light reflecting unit is a reflective prism.